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HELLS HOLLOW PRESCRIBED FIRE IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Logan, Utah, April 16, 2010–Due to unfavorable weather conditions in late March, the implementation of the Hells Hollow Prescribed Fire located 14 miles east of Logan was postponed. The plan is to burn 400 acres of conifer stands within Unit 1A, which consists of 1800 acres by aerial and hand ignition. If conditions allow, the remainder of Unit 1A will be treated in the fall of 2010. Personnel are currently checking the unit for possible implementation starting Monday, April 19th

The primary purpose of the prescribed fire is to encourage the restoration of aspen-dominated stands where they are being encroached upon or replaced by conifer-dominated stands. Aspen communities provide important habitat for various birds and mammals. Aspen stands also provide nutrient-rich litter, which decays rapidly, forming a substantial humus layer, which reduces runoff and provides excellent soil protection.

See Attached Map.

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